



Bearded Dragon

Pogona vitticeps



What is the history of my relationship to man?

Bearded Dragons are popular exotic pets,. These pets are also affectionately called "Beardies!" by those who breed or raise them. They are a popular species among children, because of their friendly and calm nature, along with the relative ease of caring for them.

Habitat / Climate

Desert to wooded areas
Arid

Where am I from? .

Inland bearded dragons inhabit areas from open woodlands to arid scrub and desert regions located in Australia's interior.



Who are my relatives?

There are seven species of bearded dragons: inland or central, dwarf northwest and Nullarbor. They range through nearly all of Australia except the extreme north.



Other family members:

Thai water dragon
Spiny dab lizard

Breeding Potential

Clutch size? 4 - 10 eggs

Number of offspring per year?

How am I born?

We are egg layer's. Our female's will dig many test holes, maybe up to twelve, before deciding where they will lay eggs. First, She'll dig a small hole and test the temperature and moisture content of the soil by touching her nose to the soil. Then, if she likes it, she'll finish digging the hole, and lay her eggs. After the eggs are laid (between 10 and 20) the hole is covered and the female leaves to look for food - egg laying is hungry work! Females might lay two or three clutches of eggs in a season.

Breeding Season

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How long does it take me to grow up and how long do I live?

My Mom does not stay to look after the babies when they hatch We have long legs, toes and nails, are very good at climbing. We live about 4 to 10 years.

Names for:

Males
Female
young
solitary life style

What kind of family life do I have?

We are independent as soon as we emerge from our eggs and dig out of our burrow.

What do I eat and when do I eat?

We like to feed on a variety of insects, like grasshoppers and crickets and vegetation.

Who are my predators?

When threatened by another inland bearded dragon or a possible predator, an inland bearded dragon will challenge the intruder by head-bobbing, flattening out its body, flaring out its throat and displaying the colorful lining of its gaping mouth. to drive away

Comments:

If provoked a dragon will flatten out and 'beard', if it continues to feel threatened it may open its mouth to display its teeth, and finally may hiss prior to biting.

